



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

As many of you know, the August 7-8 meeting was my last as chair of the board due to the fact that I have served as chair for three years, the maximum allowed by the board's bylaws. At this meeting, Roger Marcum was elected chair and Brigitte Ramsey was elected vice-chair. I know that they will provide outstanding leadership for the Kentucky Board of Education and I will continue to serve as an active board member to support them in their new roles.



Looking back on my term as chair, I am extremely proud of the work this board has accomplished. We have dealt with many important policy pieces including a new assessment and accountability system; new standards for English/language arts, math and now science; a common school readiness definition; a common kindergarten entry screener; improved training for local school board members; Program Reviews for the non-assessed subjects; and raising the compulsory attendance age to 18, just to name a few.

Celebrating the raising of the compulsory attendance age to 18 at the August meeting was a very satisfying culmination to my term as chair of the board. It was a tremendous honor to have Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear at the meeting to recognize them for their tireless dedication to this issue. When I served in the legislature, not having every student in our state complete high school was a continual source of frustration to me. Due to the work by the Governor and First Lady, Commissioner Terry Holliday, the Kentucky Board of Education, education partners, local district superintendents and local board chairs, Senate Bill 97's implementation is now a reality and currently 122 local school boards have adopted a policy raising the age to 18. This change will affect the lives of many young people and affect the quality of life in our state.

The Kentucky Board of Education made raising the compulsory school age to 18 its number one legislative priority for several years. Now that it is a reality, the board and department commit to supporting local school districts during the implementation phase.

Thank you for all you do daily in your work with the students of Kentucky. I have enjoyed interacting with you during my term as chair, and appreciate how fortunate I have been to serve in this capacity during this exciting time of positive educational progress in our state.

BOARD HONORS GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY

As part of its August 8th regular meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education honored Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear for their work on Senate Bill 97 (raising the compulsory attendance age to 18) and the ‘Blitz to 96’ initiative (focused on reaching the 96-district total required to make mandatory for all districts the passing of a policy raising the compulsory attendance age to 18 by 2017-18). The Governor and First Lady attended the meeting and were presented with a framed copy of the following resolution that was approved by the board:

Resolution
“Reaching the 96-District Target and Beyond Required by Senate Bill 97”
by the
Kentucky Board of Education

- Whereas,*** During the 2013 legislative session, outstanding collaboration occurred between Governor Steven L. Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, the General Assembly, Commissioner Terry Holliday, the Kentucky Board of Education, and other education partners resulting in the adoption of Senate Bill 97 so that the compulsory school attendance age would be raised to 18 in the 2015-16 school year for those school districts whose local board of education enacts such a policy; and
- Whereas,*** Governor Beshear, First Lady Beshear and Commissioner Holliday launched the “Blitz to 96” initiative to encourage early adoption of such a policy by local boards of education in order to reach the 55 percent of school districts required for it to become mandatory for all districts to implement a policy within four years; and
- Whereas,*** Local boards of education and school districts responded courageously and expeditiously to the “Blitz to 96” initiative resulting in reaching the 96-district target in 14 days; and
- Whereas,*** Even after the required 96-district target was reached and planning grant dollars were obligated, as of today, 24 additional local boards of education and school districts have adopted such a policy, which brings the overall total to 120 districts, signaling to students that nobody is giving up on them and a high school diploma is important to their success; and

Whereas, In addition to the local school boards and districts that are to be commended for their dedication to ensuring students persist to graduation, staff of the Governor's Office and Kentucky Department of Education demonstrated outstanding support to ensure the Senate Bill 97 effort is successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education extends its extraordinary gratitude to Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear for their perseverance and determination to ensure passage of Senate Bill 97 and the implementation of the "Blitz to 96" initiative with the result being that hope now exists for ALL young people to graduate college- and career-ready and experience a successful future.

Done in the city of Frankfort, this 8th day of August, in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

**702 KAR 1:115, ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS
REVISED**

In order to strengthen local district board members' knowledge of ethics, school finance and the superintendent evaluation process, revisions were made to 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members. The mandatory training requirements as revised by the changes to the regulation are found below:

| Experience Level | Current Annual Requirement | Proposed Ethics Training Requirement | Proposed School Finance Training Requirement | Proposed Superintendent Evaluation Training Requirement |
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| 0 – 3 years | 12 hours | Minimum 1 hour annually | Minimum 3 hours annually | Minimum 1 hour annually |
| 4 – 7 years | 8 hours | Minimum 1 hour annually | Minimum 2 hours annually | Minimum 1 hour annually |
| 8 years or more | 4 hours | Minimum 1 hour annually | Minimum 1 hour annually | Minimum 1 hour biennially |

For more information on the revisions to 702 KAR 1:115, contact Hiren Desai at (502) 564-1976, Ext. 4302 or via e-mail at hiren.desai@education.ky.gov.

STATEMENT OF CONSIDERATION ON SCIENCE STANDARDS APPROVED

The Kentucky Board of Education approved a 140-page Statement of Consideration (SOC) for 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards that dealt with the 4,092 comments (both pro and con) received at the public hearing on incorporation of the new science standards within the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. The SOC responded to all of the comments and recommended no changes to the regulation. It can be accessed at the following link (<http://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=9441&AgencyTypeID=1>) under Agenda Item XII.A.

The regulation will now proceed through the legislative committee review process before becoming effective.

For more information on the new science standards, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850, Ext. 4151 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STATE PLAN FOR FY14 APPROVED

Now that the General Assembly in the 2013 regular session named the Kentucky Board of Education as the “eligible agency” under 20 U.S.C. 2302(12) for receipt of federal Carl D. Perkins funds, the board reviewed and approved revisions to the FY14 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plan on August 8. Each year, the state is allowed to request revisions to the state plan. The revisions usually include the funding split between secondary and postsecondary institutions and performance indicators and performance levels. For FY14, Kentucky will request the following revisions to the state plan:

1. The secondary/postsecondary funding split will be 53/47. The split is determined based on FTE data as self-reported by schools in the Technical Education Data System (TEDS).
2. The performance indicators and performance levels for 1S1 and 1S2 have been revised to meet requirements of Kentucky’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver and new assessment system, which were implemented in the spring of 2012.

The revised state plan can be accessed at the following link (<http://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=9441&AgencyTypeID=1>) under Agenda Item IV.B.2.

For more information on the plan, contact Dale Winkler at (502) 564-4286, Ext. 4233 or via e-mail at Dale.Winkler@education.ky.gov.

704 KAR 3:390, EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES REVISED

At the August 8 regular meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved changes to the funding formula found within 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services. The regulation containing the formula had not been changed since 2009 and since that time, the state has adopted a new assessment and accountability system.

Previously, the funding formula worked as follows:

- One-half (1/2) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current average daily attendance (ADA);
- One-sixth (1/6) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current rates of economic deprivation (ED);
- One-sixth (1/6) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current dropout rates (DR); and
- One-sixth (1/6) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current accountability CATS Academic Indices (AI).

In order to incorporate the new assessment and accountability system into the funding formula and to reward academic achievement, the formula was changed to work as follows:

- One-third (1/3) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current average daily attendance (ADA);
- One-third (1/3) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current rates of economic deprivation (ED);
- One-third (1/3) of the total funds shall be distributed based on the most current assessment and accountability system overall score (OS).

The revisions are designed to provide an incentive for improvement by schools in the districts and align with the new accountability system.

For more information on 704 KAR 3:390, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850, Ext. 4151 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.

BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2013-14

Upon the recommendation of its Nominating Committee, chaired by Jay Parrent of Princeton, the Kentucky Board of Education unanimously elected Roger Marcum of Bardstown as its new chair for 2013-14. He has served as vice-chair for the last two years.

Additionally, Brigitte Ramsey of Falmouth was elected as vice-chair. Ramsey previously served as the board's Management Committee chair.

When the current chair, David Kareem, handed over the gavel to Marcum, he was honored with a standing ovation for his outstanding leadership as the board's chair for the past three years, the maximum term allowed by the board's bylaws.

For more information on board officers, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, Ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

MEETING DATES FOR 2013-15 APPROVED

As is customary at its retreat, the board reviewed its remaining meeting dates for 2013 and those set for 2014. It also approved meeting dates for 2015. Those dates are listed below:

KBE Meeting Dates for 2013

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| October 8, 2013 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 4, 2013 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

KBE Meeting Dates for 2014

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| February 5, 2014 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| April 9, 2014 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

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| June 4, 2014 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| August 6-7, 2014 | KBE Retreat & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| October 7, 2014 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 3, 2014 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

KBE Meeting Dates for 2015

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| February 4, 2015 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| April 1, 2015 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| June 3, 2015 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| August 5-6, 2015 | KBE Retreat & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| October 6, 2015 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 9, 2015 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

For more information on meeting dates, contact Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141, Ext. 4805 or via e-mail at susan.palmer@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 7-8 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the June 5, 2013 Kentucky Board of Education meeting
- Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics
- Requests for waivers of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Daviess County, Webster County, Paris Independent and Williamstown Independent School Districts
- Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board Appointment
- Appointment to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee
- Amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf
- Payment of the National Association of State Boards of Education dues

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Strategic Plan Update
- Impact of Sequestration
- Review of the KBE Policy Manual
- Discussion of TELL Kentucky Survey Results and Possible Policy Implications
- Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County and Monticello Independent School Districts
- 2012-14 Biennial Budget Update
- Districts of Innovation Update
- Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update
- Hearing Officer's Report on Status of Regulations
- 702 KAR 7:15, Pupil Attendance (First Reading)
- 702 KAR 6:101, Repeal of 702 KAR 6:100, Appeal procedures for nutrition and health services programs (First Reading)
- Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf Update
- 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation (First Reading)
- KDE Employment Reports (Both for CTE and all KDE Offices)
- Determination of the evening of October 7 to discuss the commissioner's self-evaluation
- Litigation Report

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the August 7-8, 2013, retreat and regular meeting, conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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